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1. A meeting of the Secretariat of the FDJ was held in Berlin on 5 September 1946. Chairman Honecker stated that the leadership of the FDJ is in no way connected with the arrest of the seven Christian Youth activists in Dresden. He also reported that the SMA in Thuringia has asked the FDJ to hold election campaign

2. Ernst Muller, the representative of the FDGB, reported that the young shop stewards, who were elected recently in the Shop Stewards' elections, will see to it that all juvenile workers join the FDJ through the intercession of the FDOB.

- 3. On 30 August 1946, Horst Bresch, press, radio, and film expert in the Secretariat of the FDJ, who was, until a few weeks ago, active in the FDJ in London, addressed a large youth meeting held by the Youth Committee of Prenslauer Berg (the Youth Committee of the Magistrat, Berlin). At this meeting Brasch stated, among other things, that all youth organisations in the US Zone of Germany are Fascist. Therefore, they will be disbanded, one by one, by the US Military Government. In answer to a question, he pointed out that the youth of the world does not recognize the elections held in the US Zone because they were premature, and this fact gave the Nazis an opportunity to influence the voters.
- 4. At the same meeting, Hans Kessler, chairman of the head Youth Committee of the Magistrat, announced that a delegation from the World Youth League would visit Berlin to plead with the Allied Control Commission for the
- 5. Opposition has developed to the plan of the three important political parties, the CDU, LDP, and SPD, for a new application to the Allied Komendatura to permit youth organisations in the Berlin area. These difficulties have been created mainly by the church representative. Pastor Hildebrand, head of Protestant youth activities, does not wish to participate in the Christian youth ring. He has been warned against the Bdy Scout group under the leadership of Plews, who has been denounced as a person inclined towards militarism and reaction. Domvikar Lange, the representative of the Catholic church, has similarly objected to the Boy Scouts. Moreover, he has stated that the youth activities of the Catholic church are not subject to licensing by the Allied authorities. All that is necessary is to announce these activities to the Allied Komandatura. 25X1A9a

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